Amendments to the Drawings:

Figs. 6 and 7 have been amended to clarify that only steps S12-S16 (not step S17) are included in the "initialization," in accordance with the disclosure in the specification at page 22, lines 5 and 6.

Attachment: Annotated Sheets Showing Changes

Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner's allowance of claims 1-12 is respectfully acknowledged.

The claims have been amended to avoid "means-plus-function" language, as well as to make some minor grammatical improvements and/or to correct some minor antecedent basis problems so as to put them in better form for issuance in a U.S. patent.

No new matter has been added, and no new issues with respect to patentability have been raised.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended claims 1-12 remain in condition for allowance.

THE TITLE

The title has been amended to more clearly indicate the nature of the invention to which the claims are directed, as required by the Examiner.

THE SPECIFICATION

The specification has been amended to mention all of the reference numerals used in the drawings, as well as to correct

some minor typographical and grammatical errors of which the undersigned has become aware, including the informality pointed out by the Examiner.

No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the specification be approved and entered, and that the objection to the specification be withdrawn.

THE DRAWINGS

Figs. 6 and 7 have been amended to clarify that only steps S12-S16 (not step S17) are included in the "initialization," in accordance with the disclosure in the specification at page 22, lines 5 and 6.

Submitted herewith are corrected sheets of formal drawing which incorporate the amendments and annotated sheets showing the changes made thereto. No new matter has been added.

And it is respectfully submitted that all of the reference numerals used in the drawings are now mentioned in the specification. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner's objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, entry of this Amendment and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

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